THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir. The country exploited about 4.3% of its balance of recoverable oil reserves during 1990-91 as against the world average of 2.3%.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Oil and gas prodcution is carried out at optiemum level based on techno-economic parameters.

Supply of Transformer oil

2148. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of the organisations manufacturing Transformer oil and the rate fixed for the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that Transformer oil is in short supply with the result that the same is available in the open market at high premium; and

(c) what are the norms and criteria laid down by the companies mentioned in part (a) above for distribution?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Establishment of LPG Agencies

2149. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state what are the norms followed for establishing an L.P.G. agency in a Municipal town or Panchayat?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): As per present policy new LPG agencies are opened in a phased manner at different locations including municipal towns having a population of 20,000 and above depending upon the economic viability and availability of products etc

Lead Free Petrol

2150. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to inroduce lead free petrol to check pollution from vehicles; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no such decision at present.

(b) Does not arise.

LPG Cylinder Factories

2151. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of PETROELUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG cylinder producing factories in the country, state-wise;

(b) whether work orders were issued to these factories during the last three years;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) to (d)

Year	No. of manu-facturers on whom work-orders wear placed	No. of orders Placed
1988-89	82	31.99 lakhs
1989-90	76	38.46 lakhs
1990-91	72	36.88 lakhs

Statement

State	No. of Factories
Andhra Pradesh	14
Assam	1
Bihar	1
Delhi (Union Territory)	1
Haryana	5